

From Your Pastor

How do you do your Christmas shopping? Some people plan ahead and shop early. Others don't begin to think about purchasing until Black Friday or later. Some have their favorite stores; others shop at the mall.

This past Monday was known as Cyber Monday. Experts reported that more online shopping occurred on this day than ever before. Many will shop exclusively online. With just a few clicks, everything will arrive at their door.

I purchased a gift online and didn't want it shipped home to keep it a secret. Instead of picking it up inside the store, I used an outdoor locker for pickup. After receiving a code, I had five days to visit the outdoor locker, enter the code, and retrieve my gift. It was one of the easiest purchases I can remember making. Now if I can keep it a secret until Christmas.

You know, some of the best gifts we can give this season are not things we purchase. We can make favorite dishes for the ones we love. We can plan events together. We can choose to give gifts of time and attention. We can intentionally gift one another with our affirmations and our blessings. Some of these are gifts that keep on giving.

As we give thoughtful gifts at Christmas, let's not forget the gift we have received. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~ the prophet Isaiah

Blessings, Ande

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## Sunday School

#### Sundays at 9:15 am

There are Bible study classes for all ages! Visit cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/ for a list of classes.

#### **Media Center**

Come take advantage of the resources your church library has to offer! Open Sundays 8:30am - 10:20am Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12pm; 2pm - 4pm

#### **Family Life Center**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 8am - 8pm Wednesday | 8am - 2pm and Friday | 8am - noon The fitness calendar can be found on our website at cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/

## Monday Night for College & Young Adults

Small Group.....7-8pm.... cturner@cbcfc.org for info

## Wednesday Night LIFE

Pre-K thru 5th grade..... 6-7:30pm..... Children's Space 

## Wednesday Night for Adults

Devotion with Ande Myers.... 7pm...... Facebook

#### Preschool Worship Workers

**December 8** Avery Brewer, Kate Cooper,

Kristi Pendley, Barbara Newman,

Lynn Bates

December 15 Debbie Crowder, Pam Nodine, Diane Johnson, Melinda Waddell



Praying Giving Going



Thank you to those who have served and generously donated in assisting in relief efforts. You can continue to order from the Amazon Wishlist, using the QR code, and items will be shipped directly to North Carolina.



Stay abreast of service opportunities by emailing your name and phone number to disasterreliefacbcfc.org



In Rehabilitation

Beverly Cawrse - Life Care of Blount County

#### Home from the hospital

Betty Lane Steve Smith

#### In Sympathy

Jim Reid in the loss of his sister, Elizabeth Mabe
Lee Dunn in the loss of his father, Leroy Dunn
Lynn Bates in the loss of his mother, Alice Buhl Bates
To the family of Kathy King

Thank you notes from Reggie Waddell and Samaritan's Purse have been received and are on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



# NORTH KNOXVILLE WARMING CENTER

DEC 15 To Jan 15



#### Help care for our vulnerable neighbors on bitterly cold nights!

To help prevent death and frostbite, Fountain City
United Methodist Church will be an emergency warming
station when the temperature is predicted to drop
below 25 degrees. Sign up to be a volunteer using the
QR code or by contacting FCUMC at
865-689-5175 or spiritefountaincityumc.org

Weekly Record

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|  | <sup>0</sup> <u>Required</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
| 12/1/24                                    | \$31,038.46                  | \$24,826.48     | \$22,843.23      |
| YTD  | \$279,346.15                 | \$228,501.85    | \$224,844.12     |
| Morning Worship 343                        |                              |                 |                  |
| Sunday School                              |                              |                 |                  |
| Christmas Missions Offering Goal: \$20,000 |                              |                 |                  |
| Given: \$12,763                            |                              |                 |                  |





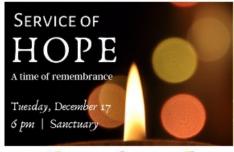




Homebound Ministry Christmas Delivery

Wednesday, December 11-Contact Doug Brown for more information dbrown99.1aknology.net













## **Sunday Morning Worship**

December 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Wood

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Ande Myers

Hymn No. 256 We Are People of God's Peace

Choral Worship Christmas Is Coming Raney

Youth Choir

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *PEACE* Gabe Gadd

Hymn No. 132 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Offertory Prayer Becky Renfro

Offertory A Midnight Clear arr. Tucker

**Jubilation Ringers** 

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6 Kate Cooper

**Choral Worship** The First Noel arr. Forrest

**Message** Preparation Rev. Ande Myers

Hymn No. 99 View the Present Through the Promise

Benediction

**Postlude** Variations on a Noel Haan

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Upcoming events, conversation & photos
on Facebook and Instagram @cbcfountaincity

